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SUBJECT: CHANGE IN STATUS OF KHMER AND VIETNAMESE EMBASSIES

1. AMBASSADOR THUY (SOUTH VIETNAM) HAS JUST BEEN IN TO INFORM ME THAT AMBASSADOR U SAY (CAMBODIA) WAS CALLED IN BY THE PRIME MINISTER LAST WEEK AND INFORMED THAT SINCE LAOS ONLY HAD A CHARGE IN PHNOM PENH, THE RKG SHOULD REDUCE ITS REPRESENTATION IN VIENTIANE TO THE CHARGE LEVEL. THUY HAS NOW BEEN CONVOKED BY SOUVANNA AND EXPECTS TO BE GIVEN SIMILAR MESSAGE.

2. THUY NOTES THAT DECISION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH THE VIENTIANE SIDE AND WITHOUT CABINET APPROVAL. HE CAN SEE SOME VALIDITY TO THE RLG POSITION ON CAMBODIA BUT HAS COUNSELED U SAY TO STALL. AS FAR AS VIETNAM IS CONCERNED, HE BELIEVES EQUAL REPRESENTATION WITH THE DRV IS THE IMPORTANT
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ISSUE AND HE TOO PLANS TO STALL AND DRUM UP VIENTIANE

SIDE SUPPORT SO THAT THIS BECOMES A MAJOR POLICY ISSUE.
I SAID I WOULD HELP WITH THIS.

3. I SAW SOUVANNA LATE SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND DISCUSSED
THE VIETNAM SITUATION BRIEFLY. HE SEEMED DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THE LOSS OF THE HIGHLANDS BUT REPEATED HIS FAMILIAR THEME THAT THIEU SHOULD WORK WITH THE THIRD FORCE. I SAID THAT WITH A MAJOR COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE BEING CARRIED OUT BY A GREATLY REINFORCED NORTH VIETNAMESE EXPEDITIONARY CORPS, THIS WAS QUOTE DEPASSE PAR LES EVENEMENTS UNQUOTE. SOUVANNA AND I ALWAYS SAY THE SAME THINGS TO EACH OTHER ON THE SUBJECT OF VIETNAM SO THIS WAS A TRADITIONAL EXCHANGE. I AM SURPRISED HE DID NOT MENTION DOWNGRADING THE KHMER AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE EMBASSIES. HE PROBABLY THINKS HE CAN HANDLE THESE PROBLEMS QUIETLY AND TACTFULLY WITHOUT RAISING A SQUALL.
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